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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Parton for taking time on February 12, 2003, from his busy schedule to discuss the present Application with Applicants' representative, in view of the Office Action dated January 2, 2003.

Per that telephone conversation, Applicants understand that the proposed drawing changes submitted October 16, 2002, have been approved by the Examiner.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made in the specification and/or claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

It is noted that the claim amendment herein is intended solely to more particularly point out the present invention for the Examiner, and not for distinguishing over the prior art or the statutory requirements directed to patentability. That is, the claim amendment herein is not intended to differentiate from the Downs reference, since, as explained below and even with the Examiner's prerogative to interpret claim language as broadly as possible, it is not believed that the pre-amended claims of the present Application would reasonably read on the Downs reference.

It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Claims 1-33 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. Claims 1-9, 22, and